



Illustrator News - May-June 2023

Percolating Portfolios!

Hi, Everyone! FYI: several national *Portfolio Events* coming up in June are listed below in the Virtual Event Listings section. If you are actively revising your portfolio and wish to take advantage of any of these learning opportunities, please enroll **BEFORE** the last week of May.

The new website will go live by the end of the month and not ALL registration portals may be available at that time.

In the meantime, below are several site links - along with valuable information about creating a showcase portfolio.

Tips from [Debbie Ridpath Ohi](#) & *Others*

(Information from the current SCBWI Website)

When putting together your portfolio, make sure you include a sequence of images that show that you can tell a story through illustration, plus show that you can maintain consistency in how you draw a character or characters.

Most illustrators can come up with great-looking standalone images; the challenge is to show editors, art directors and agents that you would be able to illustrate a picture book. I made this mistake in my first portfolio and it's one of the most frequent beginner mistakes I've seen when critiquing portfolios. Remember that it's not just about the art; it's also showing that you understand visual narrative and pacing.

Go to your local indie bookstore or bookstore and read lots of good picture books!

Here are some excellent articles from *SCBWI Portfolio Showcase winners*:

- [A Few Thoughts On Editing Your Portfolio](#) – by [Andrea Offermann](#)
- [Portfolio Comparison: What Made An SCBWI Winner](#) – by [Eliza Wheeler](#)
- [Mentee Portfolio vs Grand Prize Winner Portfolio](#) – by [Juana Martinez-Neale](#)

May 2023 Featured Oregon Illustrators



Neely Daggett



Margaux Meganck

[Oregon SCBWI Featured Illustrators](#)

Visit the [Feature Page](#) to learn about Neely and



Margaux, view samples of their artwork, and find links to their websites.

Illustration: Chamisa Kellogg

Join us for the Oregon SCBWI Picnic! - July 22, 10am



Let's get together! Bring work to share! Meet other kid lit artists and join us at the Illustrator table for craft conversations, feedback, and fun!

SCBWI Opportunities - May-June 2023

SCBWI DRAW THIS MAY PROMPT: GENERATIONS

Post your illustrations to SCBWI Twitter- <https://twitter.com/scbwi>

and Instagram Accounts: <https://www.instagram.com/scbwi/>

Follow the posts and hashtags #scbwidrawthis so you can see what everyone posts each month! Use hashtags #scbwiDrawThis and #scbwiillustrators when you upload your work.

Click below to visit the AWARDS and GRANTS page.

April	May	June
<p>A. Orr Fantasy Award Opens April 1 Closes April 30 Announced June 15</p> <p>Ann Whitford Paul Award Opens April 1 Closes April 30 Announced June 15</p> <p>Book Launch Award Opens February 1 Closes February 28 Announced April 15</p>	<p>Amber Brown Award Opens April 1 Closes April 30 Announced July 15</p> <p>Graphic Novel Award Opens May 1 Closes May 31 Announced August 15</p> <p>Novel-in-Verse Award Opens May 1 Closes May 31 Announced August 15</p> <p>Crystal Kite Awards Submissions open February 1 Submissions close March 21 Announced May 15</p>	<p>A. Orr Fantasy Award Opens April 1 Closes April 30 Announced June 15</p> <p>Ann Whitford Paul Award Opens April 1 Closes April 30 Announced June 15</p> <p>Emerging Voices Award Opens June 1 Closes June 30 Announced September 15</p>

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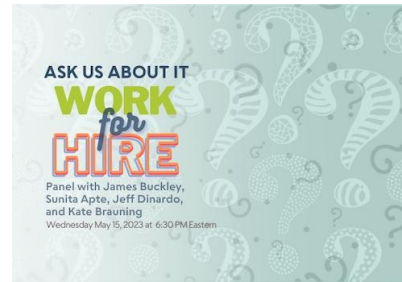
- National Illustrator Spring highlights below.

IF YOU PLAN TO REGISTER FOR ANY OF THESE EVENTS PLEASE DO SO NOW.

Work For Hire A Work For Hire Panel

May 17, 2023 - Zoom

Work For Hire



May Fest San Diego One-Day Conference

May 20, 2023 - Zoom

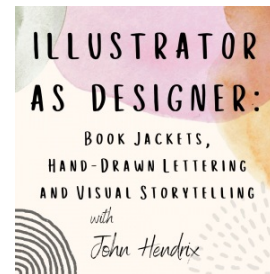
May Fest



Illustrator as Designer: JOHN HENDRIX, Book Jackets, Visual Storytelling and Hand-Drawn Lettering

May 22, 2023

John Hendrix



Portfolio Palooza Eastern PA Free Webinar with Author-Illustrator Dow Phumiruk

June 6, 2023 - Zoom

Palooza



Portfolio Development Beyond the Picture Book with Klutz Publisher & Creative Director Netta Rabin

June 7, 7-8pm - Zoom

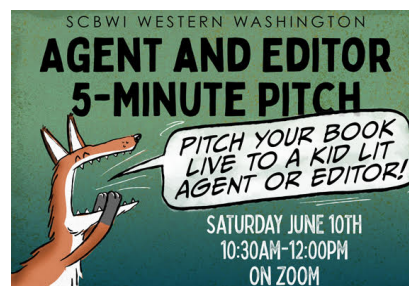
Portfolio Development



5-minute Pitch with Agent & Editor via ZOOM

June 10, 10:30am-12pm

5-Minute Pitch



Portfolio Webinar with Tugeau 2 Art & Literary Agency

June 15, 7:30am-8:30pm

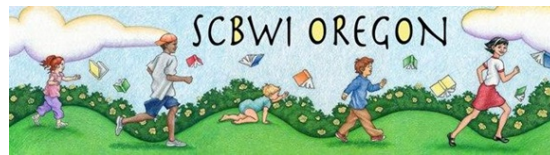


Enjoy these Summer Days, Everyone!

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